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Greetings:

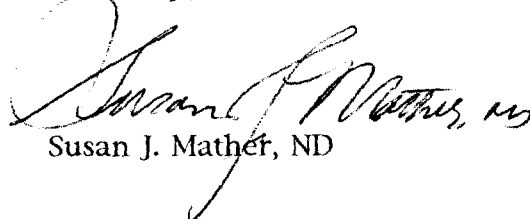
I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen and health care practitioner. Genetically engineered foods need considerably more study and testing before these "foods" can be labeled GRAS. There are thousands of people who have significant health threats, some of them even life-threatening, to eating ordinary foods - who knows how these people will react in the face of genetically altered foods? I do not believe we should be playing Russian roulette with our food supply.

We have no way of knowing how these foods will react once they are introduced into the natural food chain. Already there are questionable effects being reported by farmers and researchers. And once these foods are being grown on a mass scale, there will be no way to recall them from the environment.

I feel it is very important to know what is going into my body and into the mouths of my patients. I am requesting mandatory labeling of all foods and food products (including supplements) that contain genetically engineered foods. There must be pre-market safety testing on all foods, just as you would require testing of drugs before marketing. And I call for a moratorium on all new genetically engineered foods since there are no requirements at this time for long-term studies exploring their impact on human health and on the environment.

This is a serious matter that needs to be thoroughly researched on a long-term basis. I urge you to demand across the board labeling on all GE foods for consumers and to halt further growing of these foods on a mass scale until more environmental studies have been done. I appreciate your letting me know how the FDA is protecting consumer health and safety on this issue.

Sincerely,



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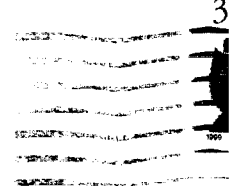
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